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FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION FROM BOTH GOP AND AIRLINE OFFICERS IN
RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RASIED IN TELECONS:

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1. GROUND SUPPORT IN NOVA LISBOA (EXCEPT FOR FUEL) IS BEING

EXPANDED BY TAP AND IS ALREADY MORE THAN ADEQUATE TO HANDLE ALL REQUIREMENTS OF TWO U.S. 707'S OR DC-8'S.

2. ROUTING BETWEEN LISBON AND NOVA LISBON WILL BE SAME AS THAT USED BY TAP; NAMELY, LISBON, CASBLANCA, WESTERN ALGERIA, MALI, NIGER, LAGOS, LIBREVILLE, AND NOVA LISBOA. OVER FLIGHT PERMISSION IN PRINCIPAL ALREADY OBTAINED FROM THESE COUNTRIES AS WELL AS OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES INCLUDING ALGERIA TO ALLOW ALTERNATE ROUTING IF NECESSARY.

3. PRE-BOARDING SECURITY SCREENING WILL BE PROVIDED BY TAP AS WELL AS ALL OTHER PRE-BOARDING PASSENGER SERVICES AND PROCESSING. TAP WILL ALSO PROVIDE TWO OR THREE PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING FLIGHT ATTENDANTS FOR EACH FLIGHT WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY PERSONAL PROBLEMS OF PASSENGERS. TAP STATES THAT NO ARMED SECURITY OFFICER ON BOARD IS NECESSARY.

4. AIRPORT IN NOVA LISBOA CAN HANDLE FLIGHTS 24 HOURS PER DAY.

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM NOVA LISBOA IS BY OAIC TELETYPE CIRCUIT; IN ADDITION, TAP IS INSTALLING ITS OWN FREQUENCY.

6. PLANES MAY PROCEED DIRECTLY TO NOVA LISBOA WITHOUT FIRST COMING TO LISBON. SUGGEST ARRIVAL AT 9 A.M. AND 11 A.M. SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6. TWO-HOUR INTERVAL BETWEEN ARRIVAL OF PLANES IS NECESSARY. PLANES ARRIVING IN NOVA LISBOA MUST REPEAT MUST HAVE FOOD ABOARD FOR PASSENGERS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL. REFUELING ON FIRST FLIGHTS WILL BE IN LUANDA. ON SUBSEQUENT FLIGHTS REFUELING MAY BE IN LIBREVILLE, ACCRA, OR DOUALA WHERE TAP ALREADY HAS PERMISSION FOR FUELING STOPS, IN THESE CITIES, THEY SAY, ADEQUATE GROUND SUPPORT STAFF AND FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE. TAP ALSO ARRANGING FOR REFUELING RIGHTS IN KINSHASA AND EXPECTS SUCH APPROVAL SHORTLY. REFUELING IN ALL CITIES MENTIONED IS FROM STANDARD TANKS AS USED IN LISBON AND OTHER AIRPORTS. NO REFUELING POSSIBLE IN NOVA LISBOA. REFUELING SHOULD TAKE PLACE AFTER LOADING OF PASSENGERS ON RETURN TRIP TO LISBON. WHILE TAP STATES THAT ADEQUATE FUEL SUPPLIES EXIST IN CITIES MENTIONED ABOVE, WE ARE UNABLE TO ASCERTAIN EXACT MAGNITUDE OF FUEL AVAILABLE WHICH CHANGES DAILY.

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7. TAP NOW HAS THREE FLIGHTS DAILY FROM NOVA LISBOA BUT STAFF AND GROUND CREW TO IMMEDIATELY HANDLE SIX FLIGHTS. FRENCH AND SWISS AIR FLIGHTS ARE FROM LUANDA. FLIGHT FROM LISBON IS ABOUT EIGHT HOURS, TIME ON GROUND IN NOVA LISBOA IS ABOUT 1 1/2 HOURS AND WITH REFUELING EN ROUTE BACK AND MAINTENANCE IN LISBON TOTAL TIME FOR FLIGHT FROM TIME OF DEPARTURE IN LISBON TO NEXT DEPARTURE FROM LISBON IS 22 HOURS.

8. PRINCIPAL POINT OF CONTACT IN LISBON FOR ALL ASPECTS
AIRLIFT IS COMMANDANTE CANCIO FERREIRA WHOSE OFFICE IS IN
PORTELA AIRPORT. HE IS DIRECTOR OF CENTER FOR OPERATIONAL
COORDINATION WHICH IS COORDINATING AIRLIFT 24 HOURS A DAY.
TELEPHONE NUMER THERE IS 899602 REPEAT 899602. IN ABSENCE
OF COMANDANTE CANCIO, CENTER IS RUN BY A SR. CRUZ. CENTER IS
ABLE TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON ALL FLIGHT DETAILS,
AND AIRLINE REPRESENTATIVES MAY CONTACT THEM DIRECTLY ON DETAILS.

9. IN ADDITION FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ARE POINTS OF CONTACT IN
LUANDA AND NOVA LISBOA:

OFFICE TELE. HOMTE TELE.

TAP-LUANDA DR. CARLOS REIS 35 193-70688 HOTEL TROPICO
(31593) ROOM 1017

TAP-
NOVA LISBOA SR. MARTINS NOVA LISBOA AIRPORT

10. WE HAVE DISCUSSED ARRIVAL OF PLANES IN NOVA LISBOA
MORNING OF SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, AT ABOUT 9 A.M. AND 11 A.M.
LOCAL TIME. REQUEST ASAP FIRM CONFIRMATION
WHETHER THESE ARRIVAL TIMES ARE POSSIBLE OR IF NOT
PLEASE PROVIDE FIRM ALTERNATIVE.
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